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#### VIA ECF

The Honorable William H. Pauley III United States District Judge U.S. District Court Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007-1312

Re: The Dial Corporation, et al. v. News Corporation, Civ. Action No. 1:13-cv-06802-WHP

Dear Judge Pauley:

We write jointly on behalf of all parties in the above-referenced matter to memorialize a stipulation and agreement ("Stipulation") between the parties concerning the use of testimony given in prior lawsuits in this action. The Stipulation provides that in the event that this Court should find in some future ruling that Rule 32(a)(8) is inapplicable and that Plaintiffs therefore may not use the Prior Testimony in this action, Defendants will not object on timeliness grounds to Plaintiffs seeking, in advance of trial, to take depositions of any witnesses who gave Prior Testimony.

In light of the Court's fact discovery deadline of May 1, 2015, the parties respectfully request that the Court So Order this stipulation and agreement, which is attached as Exhibit A to this letter.

We stand ready to discuss any questions the Court may have regarding this request.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Lindsey Godfrey Eccles

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# **EXHIBIT A**

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

THE DIAL CORPORATION, HENKEL CONSUMER GOODS INC., H.J. HEINZ COMPANY, H.J. HEINZ COMPANY L.P., FOSTER POULTRY FARMS, SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC., HP HOOD LLC, BEF FOODS, INC., SPECTRUM BRANDS, INC.

Individually and On Behalf of Similarly Situated Companies Plaintiffs,

v.

NEWS CORPORATION, NEWS AMERICA INC., NEWS AMERICA MARKETING FSI LLC NEWS AMERICA MARKETING IN-STORE SERVICES L.L.C. and Defendants.

Civil Action No. 13-CV-6802-WHP

STIPULATION AND PROPOSED **ORDER** 

**RE: PRIOR TESTIMONY** 

WHEREAS the fact discovery deadline in this case is May 1, 2015;

WHEREAS the Court has adjourned sine die the deadline for the parties to file a Joint Pre-Trial Order (ECF No. 214);

WHEREAS certain individuals gave deposition and trial testimony in the following prior lawsuits against Defendants: FloorGraphics v. News America Marketing In-Store Services, Inc., No. 04-cv-3500 (D.N.J.); Insignia Systems, Inc. v. News America Marketing In-Store, Inc., No. 04-cv-4213 (D. Minn.); Valassis Comm'cns, Inc. v. News America, Inc., 2:06cv-10240 (E.D. Mich.) and No. 07-706645 (Wayne Ct. Cir. Ct., Mich.) (the "Prior Testimony"); and

WHEREAS the parties are in dispute as to whether the Prior Testimony falls under the provisions of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 32(a)(8) and may be used in this action;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties that in the event that this Court should find in some future ruling that Rule 32(a)(8) is inapplicable and that Plaintiffs therefore may not use the Prior Testimony in this action, Defendants will not object on timeliness grounds to Plaintiffs seeking, in advance of trial, to take depositions of any witnesses who gave Prior Testimony. By this Stipulation Plaintiffs do not in any way concede that Rule 32(a)(8) is inapplicable.

IT IS SO ORDERED.	
DATED:	
	Judge William H. Pauley III